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SOCIAL SECURITY

Changes could impact online privacy, freedom



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Users dismayed over consolidation

GOOGLE

By Andrew Messamore
Daily Texan Staff

Google Inc. is facing controversy and criticism after the company announced plans to consolidate privacy policies for its 60 products, services and websites into one set of rules next month.

The new policy would enable Google to treat users as a single entity across all of the company's products, meaning that a user signed into their Gmail account would be storing data on themselves every time they use Google's web search, YouTube or any other Google service. This data would then return back to the user in the form of personalized ads designed for the individual while they browse Google's services.

Critics of the change on both sides of the Atlantic have been quick to raise

alarm about the change, including a bipartisan group of eight U.S. senators and representatives who sent an open letter to Google last week to clarify the exact workings of the policy. Google was also persuaded to delay the implementation of the new rules until March 1 after European Union data protection authorities asked the company to wait while they evaluated whether the new policy infringes on the rights of EU member states.

"Internet privacy advocates are concerned about how much information one company is going to know about you," said David Jacobs, consumer protection fellow for the Washington D.C. based Electronic Privacy Information Center. "Once you start combining a lot of non-sensitive information about users in random searches, you start to develop a really accurate picture of a user, making that user a very tempting target for advertisers who are able to access that information."

Jacobs said the major problem with the current

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Tweets may be censored soon

By Jody Serrano
Daily Texan Staff

New tweets may soon be sweeping the Twittersphere carrying a message some may not like — "this tweet has been withheld." Under Twitter's new censorship policy, certain tweets may be withheld if they violate a country's laws.

Twitter announced new guidelines last month that allow the social network to withhold people's tweets based on freedom of expression policies in specific countries. In a blog post titled "Tweets still must flow," Twitter officials said this policy will be reactive in nature and the company will only withhold tweets when required to do so by a valid and applicable legal request. While Twitter has not enforced these new guidelines as of now, officials said they will notify users if their tweets have been withheld.

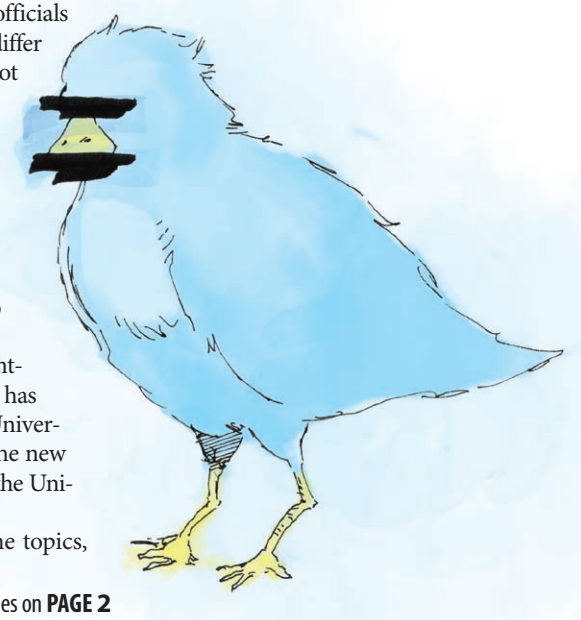
"As we continue to grow internationally, we will enter countries that have different ideas about the contours of freedom of expression," officials said in the Jan. 26 statement. "Some differ so much from our ideas that we will not be able to exist there."

Such countries include France and Germany, which ban pro-Nazi content. Other countries may have similar freedom of expression policies as those in the U.S. but for historical or cultural reasons restrict certain types of content, according to the statement.

The UT Austin Twitter page currently has more than 21,000 followers and has published more than 1,400 tweets. University spokesman Gary Susswein said the new policies will not affect how and what the University tweets.

"We always exercise caution in the topics,

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Facebook to sell stocks publicly

By Sarah White
Daily Texan Staff

Facebook representatives announced that the social networking website will soon be selling their stock publicly with the goal of making the company stronger and connecting more users than ever before.

Representatives announced the initial public Wednesday Feb. 1, although there is no set date for when the company's stock will be available for trade on the market.


Prabhudev Konana, chair of the UT department of information, risk, and operations management, said

Facebook is projected to raise \$5 billion in revenue through going public and could be worth \$75-100 billion, although analyzing the worth of Facebook is incredibly difficult.

"If Facebook can replicate what happened with Google, they could be very successful," Konana said. "However, there are not too many examples of success [from companies similar to Facebook] from which to draw conclusions."

He said the outcome of Facebook becoming a publicly-owned company was especially difficult to predict

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Ill animals found hoarded in Austin home

By Kayla Jonsson
Daily Texan Staff

Two Austin animal centers are scrambling for funds and supplies after fifty-six hoarded animals were found in one house last week.

Austin Animal Services removed 31 cats, 18 rabbits and seven guinea pigs from the cramped home, which was in poor condition, said Austin Animal Center chief officer Abigail Smith. All of the cats and four of the rabbits are under the care of Austin Animal Center, and all of the guinea pigs and four rabbits are being treated by the Austin Humane Society.

The animals were separated because there were too many for one shelter to care for. Most of the animals are now healthy and ready for adoption, Smith said.

This is an example of a good deed gone bad, she said.

"There are different types of hoarding, but the kind we see most often is 'the rescuer,'" Smith said. "This is a hoarder who truly believes he is rescuing animals. He wants to be seen as someone who is always adopting and kind to animals and he can't see that he is actually harming them by putting them in an unhealthy environment."

Smith said hoarding cases can result in neglect and, therefore, animal cruelty, which is considered a crime. The Austin Police Department is currently investigating this case, Smith said.

"The first part of the case was the court granting us permission to take the animals out of the home," she said. "We have done our part, now

so the rest of the investigation is up to APD."

Austin Animal Center volunteer Cilla McMillen said many of the cats suffered from severe ear mite and flea infestations and had feces and urine stuck in their fur when they first arrived. Cleaning treatments and vaccinations have cured most of the cases, she said.

"All the cats were tested for feline leukemia and they were all negative, which is so fortunate," McMillen said. "Often times you get cats from cases like this who aren't so lucky."

McMillen said despite the cruel conditions the cats experienced, they are all social and craving love and attention.

"They're so nice," McMillen said. "They weren't in great shape when they got here, but now that we've cleaned them up, they're so sweet.



Pu Ying Huang | Daily Texan Staff

Volunteer Cilla McMillen interacts with rescued cats at the Austin Animal Shelter Monday afternoon. Fifty-six cats brought in from an animal hoarding incident have been treated and are now ready for adoption.

They just won't leave you alone."

The conditions of the rabbits and guinea pigs were similar to the cats upon arriving at the Austin Humane

Society location, said Austin Humane Society public relations manager

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because similar companies – such as LinkedIn and Zynga – have recently gone public as well. These companies and others that rely on the Internet for success, such as Google and Yahoo, typically make most of their income from advertising, said Konana.

“These companies are all relying on advertising revenue, and they are all chasing the same dollars,” Konana said. “There is only so much of this money to go around, which makes the future very hard to predict.”

However, Konana said Facebook’s success over Google’s competing social network, Google+, could indicate the company is not overvalued. In addition, the large number of companies that choose to provide services on the website provides further evidence that Facebook will be successful in the future.

Konana also said advertising on Facebook could become more intense and targeted due to the company’s decision to sell its shares publicly.

“They will have to [advertise more] because they are responsible for their stock holders now,” Konana said.

“They will have to be more aggressive without being intrusive. This will allow them to monetize – or extract maximum financial gain from – their network”

Management information systems senior Theresa Sturdivant said she also anticipated Facebook would begin to use more aggressive advertis-

ing techniques. However, she did not think it would significantly affect users.

“At this point, as a user, I wouldn’t say the advertising detracted from my experience,” Sturdivant said. “I tend to ignore it, like most do. Facebook knows that most ignore their advertisements, and in the future, I can easily see them using more aggressive advertising methods.”

Sturdivant said although she uses Facebook for social and academic purposes, she thinks other networking sites are more professional. “[Facebook] has been an academic resource when it comes to networking with organization members and alumni,” Sturdivant said. “Otherwise, I would say it doesn’t have

much merit in the academic world when you consider the other social networks that are geared directly towards team members, like Basecamp or Piazza.”

Michael Roberts, an English graduate student who teaches a class at UT on the rhetoric of Facebook, said he thinks Facebook will try to compete more with Google after going public. Roberts said Facebook has emphasized information-sharing between friends, while Google has emphasized information-sharing between all Internet users.

“I think they are going to expand their markets, rather than advertise more,” Roberts said. “I see Facebook and Google being more of competitors. Facebook is taking a micro-perspective and Google is taking a macro-perspective on how you get information.”

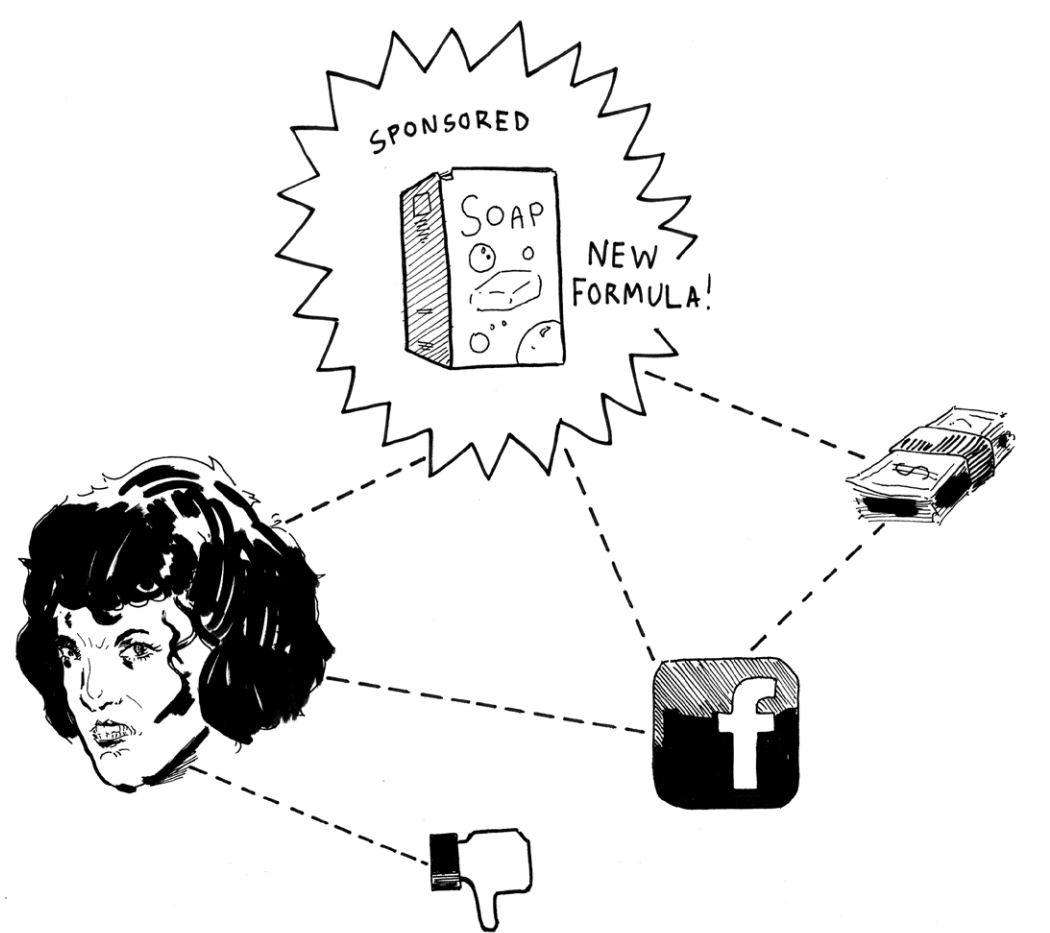


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policy is that the few ways users could opt out of data collection and solutions, like using the services without an account, are insubstantial when products like Gmail require the user to log in.

No transaction on the Internet can be completely private and privacy advocates must acknowledge that the Internet involves a two-way exchange, said advertising professor Neal Burns.

“The privacy issue becomes distressing to those who think their information should not be traded,” Burns said. “If you’re willing to pay for it, you’re able to maintain a certain amount of privacy on the Internet. But by using a search engine like Google, we acknowledge that we are selling our privacy in exchange for free services.”

The exchange is also altering the relationship between advertiser and consumer, Burns said, which cuts out the middleman in newspapers and television advertising.

Services like Google will be largely the sole collectors of vast amounts of information and even certain advertisers are wary of the company’s power, said Tess Levitan, president of the Texas Advertising Group.

“The combined information has certainly increased offerings to advertisers, but there’s also a concern that

no one else can compete on that same level,” Levitan said. “Eventually advertisers will have to pay more to work within Google.”

Levitan said Google’s influence is easily seen in advertising classrooms at UT, where online mediums are becoming increasingly important and professors rely on predominately Google-created products for instruction.

Colin Gilligin, account planning director for Austin marketing firm Tocquigny, said the policy change is only a ‘coming out’ for Google. He said these policies have already been in place and the media has overexaggerated the policy shift.

“This is the poster child that gets a lot of darts thrown at it for privacy infringement, and concerns over censorship and privacy have been fresh since SOPA and PIPA came up,” Gilligin said. “Because Internet users are now more informed, users feel powerful enough to demand how their information is shared, and this could lead to competition with Google sometime in the future when a competitor offers more controlled service. It’s not likely any time soon, but now that this sort of discussion is happening it could shift the field quite a bit.”

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tone and language we are tweeting,” Susswein said.

Michael Morton, journalism se-

nior and Senate of College Councils communications director, manages the UT Senate Twitter account and said he was not worried about Senate’s tweets being censored because the tweets are about new legislation and editorials written by the Senate leadership team.

“We don’t have such a boisterous opinion on things that could get us censored,” Morton said. “It’s a difference between censoring about something that’s illegal versus censoring based on difference of opinion.”

With this new policy, Twitter will now join the ranks of companies like Google who remove select con-

tent because of requests from government agencies and courts around the world.

In 2011, Google reported receiving three requests from China to remove 121 items from their servers that violated local advertising guidelines and complied. The same year Google also received various requests from U.S. law enforcement agencies to remove YouTube videos displaying police brutality and did not respond to the requests, according to its website.

Law professor David Anderson said he doubts the effects of Twitter’s new policy will affect people in the U.S. Anderson said policies such as Twitter’s have contributed to the rise in debate over Internet censorship in the past few years. He said the policy will delight countries which have strict censorship, such as China, and restrict the freedom of speech of political dissidents who may use Twitter as a form of communication.

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WOAH. Was that a real question?

ter as a form of communication. “At one point, people had the naïve belief that things like social networking sites were going to be forms of free speech and be free of commercialization,” Anderson said. “That was never likely true because businesses were going to do what’s right for business — that’s what Twitter is doing.”

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Lisa Starr. “A lot of the bunnies were losing hair because of the flea infestations, but the treatments have fixed that,” Starr said.

All the rabbits have been spayed and neutered and are ready for adoption, and the guinea pigs will soon be as well, she said.

Christopher Contreras, Longhorn Pets Alive vice president and rhetoric and writing senior,

said he is concerned that a good deed, such as pet adoption, can become dangerous.

“I totally don’t promote pet hoarding, but I really want people to adopt responsibly,” Contreras said. “When our organization works with Austin Pets Alive, we have a follow up system for a few months after the initial adoption in an attempt to prevent problems such as hoarding.”

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In spite of weekend shutdowns, Occupy Portland raided by police

PORTLAND, Maine — A tent city in Maine that is among the longest-lived of the Occupy movement is being dismantled as part of a new round of evictions.

Demonstrators removed several communal tents over the weekend in Portland and the city extended Monday's eviction deadline to give them time to remove 16 remaining tents. One camper noted that "just because the occupation is changing form doesn't mean it's going away."

But encampments are becoming scarcer. On Monday, a judge issued a final eviction notice for Occupy Pittsburgh. Over the past week, police began removing demonstrators in Miami; Austin, Texas; and Washington, D.C.

Conceding to Indian judiciary, Google censors 'offensive' sites

NEW DELHI — Google India has reportedly removed content deemed offensive to Indian political and religious leaders to comply with a court case that has raised censorship fears in the world's largest democracy.

Press Trust of India says that Facebook, Google and 20 other sites were given two weeks to present further plans for policing their networks for photographs, videos or text deemed "anti-religious" or "anti-social."

Racist ad in Mich. Senate race drawing criticism from public

LANSING, Mich. — Criticism of a Senate campaign ad featuring a young Asian woman talking in broken English about China taking away American jobs grew Monday as some warned it could revive discrimination against Asian-Americans. Republican Senate hopeful Pete Hoekstra's ad targeting Democratic incumbent Debbie Stabenow ran statewide Sunday before the Super Bowl.

Michigan has seen its share of Asia bashing, especially in the 1980s, when images of sledgehammers smashing imported cars were common. Chinese-American Vincent Chin died after being beaten to death in 1982 by two unemployed autoworkers angry about competition from Japan.

The ad was created by media strategist Fred Davis of California-based Strategic Perception Inc., known for both Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder's successful "one tough nerd" ads and for the 2010 "demon sheep" web ad attacking Tom Campbell in California's Republican Senate primary.

Right-wing Norwegian killer wants a 'medal' for his actions

OSLO, Norway — The right-wing extremist who has admitted killing 77 people in Norway's worst peacetime massacre told a court Monday that he deserves a medal of honor for the bloodshed and demanded to be set free.

Anders Behring Breivik smirked as he was led in to the Oslo district court, handcuffed and dressed in a dark suit, for his last scheduled detention hearing before the trial starts in April. He stretched out his arms in what his lawyer Geir Lippestad called "some kind of right-wing extremist greeting."

World's most charitable giving at near pre-recession levels

SEATTLE — Money donated by the nation's most charitable people is starting to catch up with pre-recession giving, thanks in part to some very large bequests from a few donors.

The Chronicle of Philanthropy reports Monday in its annual report of the nation's most generous people that the top 50 donors made pledges in 2011 to give a total of \$10.4 billion. The donors gave a total of \$3.3 billion in 2010, the smallest total since The Chronicle began tracking the biggest donors in 2000. A decade ago, the top 50 givers gave \$12.5 billion.

It took gifts totaling at least \$26 million to make the list this year. People on the list gave a median of \$61 million in 2011, compared to \$39.6 million in 2010. Twenty-nine of the top 50 gave \$50 million or more.

Nineteen made big gifts to colleges, including 10 multi-million dollar gifts to universities that were not the donors' alma maters.

Embassies close in Syria, diplomacy unlikely

By Bradley Clapper and Elizabeth A. Kennedy
The Associated Press

BEIRUT — The U.S. closed its embassy in Syria and Britain recalled its ambassador to Damascus on Monday in a new Western push to get President Bashar Assad to leave power and halt the murderous grind in Syria — now among the deadliest conflicts of the Arab Spring.

Although the diplomatic effort was stymied at the U.N. by vetoes from Russia and China, the moves by the U.S. and Britain were a clear message that Western powers see no point in engaging with Assad and now will seek to bolster Syria's opposition.

The most serious violence Monday was reported in Homs, where Syrian government forces, using tanks and machine guns, shelled a makeshift medical clinic and residential areas on the third day of a relentless assault, killing a reported 40 people, activists said. More than a dozen others were reported killed elsewhere.

Those deaths followed a regime onslaught in Homs that began Saturday, the same day Syria's allies in Russia and China vetoed a Western- and Arab-backed resolution aimed at trying to end the crackdown on dissent. Some 200 people died, the highest death toll reported for a single day in the uprising, according to several activist groups.

Even as the U.S. steps up pressure on Assad to halt the violence and relinquish power, Obama said a negotiated solution was possible, without recourse to outside military intervention.

Later, however, White House



Courtesy of The Associated Press
A member of the Free Syrian Army stands guard as anti-Syrian regime protesters hold a demonstration in Idlib, Syria on Monday. The U.S. closed its Syrian embassy Monday and Britain recalled its ambassador to Damascus.

spokesman Jay Carney said the administration was taking "no options off the table."

There are fears that international intervention, akin to the NATO airstrikes in Libya, could make the already combustible conflict in Syria even worse.

Syria is a highly unpredictable country, in part because of its web of allegiances to powerful forces, including Lebanon's Hezbollah and close ally Iran.

The country also has multiple sectarian divisions, which the uprising has laid bare. Most of Syr-

ia's 22 million people are Sunni Muslim, but Assad and the ruling elite belong to the minority Alawite sect — something that has bred seething resentments.

The violence has reinforced opposition fears that Assad will unleash even greater firepower to crush dis-

sent now that protection from China and Russia against any U.N.-sanctioned action appears assured.

After the U.N. veto, the commander of the rebel Free Syrian Army, Col. Riad al-Asaad, said "there is no other road" except military action to topple Assad.



Vadmin Ghirda | The Associated Press
Premier Emil Boc announced he fired the foreign minister over insulting remarks about anti-government protesters, which did not nearly satisfy them in central Bucharest, Romania on Monday.

Romanian government collapses

By Alison Mutler
The Associated Press

BUCHAREST, Romania — Romania's government collapsed Monday following weeks of protests against austerity measures, the latest debt-stricken government in Europe to fall in the face of raising public anger over biting cuts.

Emil Boc, who had been prime minister since 2008, said he was resigning "to defuse political and social tension" and to make way for a new government. Thousands of Romanians took to the streets in January to

protest salary cuts, higher taxes and the widespread perception that the government was not interested in the public's hardships in this nation of 22 million.

President Traian Basescu quickly appointed Justice Minister Catalin Predoiu, the only unaffiliated Cabinet member, as interim prime minister until a new government is approved. Basescu also nominated Mihai Razvan Ungureanu, the head of Romania's foreign intelligence service, as the country's new prime minister. Parliament must approve Ungureanu in 60 days, or the legislature will be dissolved and new

elections held.

But the opposition opposes Ungureanu and will continue the boycott of Parliament it began last week. "We are not going anywhere with this new government," said Crin Antonescu, head of the Liberal Party.

Boc's resignation came as Romania is starting to feel the effects of the widespread cuts that the government put in place in exchange for a \$26 billion loan from the IMF, the EU and the World Bank in 2009, to help pay salaries and pensions after its economy shrank by more than 7 percent.

Tea Party warming up to idea of Mitt Romney

By Kristen Wyatt
The Associated Press

DENVER — Long skeptical of Mitt Romney, tea party activists are either warming up to the GOP presidential front-runner or reluctantly backing him after abandoning hope of finding a nominee they like better.

Whatever the reason, the former Massachusetts governor who is coming off of back-to-back victories in Florida and Nevada now is picking up larger shares of the tea party vote than he did when the Republican nomination fight began. And that fact alone illuminates the struggles of the nearly three-year-old movement to greatly influence its first presidential race.

"We haven't gone away," insisted Amy Kremer, chairwoman of the national Tea Party Express. But, in the same breath, she acknowledged lower expectations and a shift in focus to Senate races over the White House campaign. She also pleaded for patience, saying: "Anybody that thinks we are going to change things in one cycle or two cycles is fooling themselves."

Tea party activists across the country entered their first presidential contest this year expecting to hold major sway over the Republican race following a 2010 congressional election year in which their favored candidates successfully knocked off a string of insiders in GOP primaries in Colorado and elsewhere.

The movement influenced the presidential race early on, with candidates from Romney on down parroting the movement's language and promoting its agenda of restrained spending to curry favor with its adherents.

But the coalition was greatly fractured and plagued by infighting. It also watched as one favored candidate after another lost standing or quit the race, among them Georgia businessman Herman Cain and Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann. The remaining candidates — Newt Gingrich, Rick Santorum and Ron Paul — have attributes that tea party backers like but they face huge hurdles in knocking Romney off his stride.

That's left many in the tea party shifting focus to Romney, a candidate viewed by many as most likely to unseat President Barack Obama, even if he doesn't vociferously bang the drum of their top issues.

"We're warming up to Romney," said Brian Walker, a tea party member and 62-year-old sheet metal contractor in the Colorado mountain town of Florissant. He raves about Santorum but said he's leaning toward Romney because he wants to support the candidate he views as the likely nominee.

Such perceptions may be one of the reasons Romney has seen a bump in support among tea party followers even though the movement has long been irked by Romney's tentative embrace of it and evolution on several issues it holds dear.

Cardinal defends Pope on abuse scandal

By Frances D'Emilio
The Associated Press

ROME — A top American cardinal on Monday defended Pope Benedict's handling of sexual abuse cases by clergy, saying he should be praised not criticized, as advocates for abuse victims demanded that the Vatican release its secret files on pedophile priests.

Cardinal William Levada told a Vatican-backed symposium on safeguarding children that Benedict had been "instrumental" in implementing standards to crack down on pedophile clergy as well as support-

ive of U.S. bishops' efforts to fight the abuse.

Before becoming pontiff, Benedict held Levada's job as the head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the church office ensuring doctrinal purity and, in recent decades, also shaping the Holy See's policies on handling abuse cases involving clergy.

As the symposium's keynote opening speaker, Levada lamented that the pope "has had to suffer attacks by the media over these past years in various parts of the world when he should receive the gratitude of us all, in the Church and outside it." The Vatican

released copies of the speech.

SNAP, a U.S.-based support and advocacy group for those abused as minors by clergy, was dismissive of the four-day, closed-door gathering.

"True change and child protection comes through accountability from secular authorities," a SNAP official, Joelle Casteix, said in a statement. "Until we have that, we must see Rome's meeting for exactly what it is: cheap window dressing."

She contended the Vatican "still cannot do the simplest, cheapest, and most child-friendly action possible: Make public decades of secret files on clergy sex offenders and enablers."



Riccardo De Luca | The Associated Press
Pope Benedict XVI attends his weekly general audience in the Paul VI hall at the Vatican Wednesday.

VIEWPOINT

The partial budget picture

In March, the UT System Board of Regents will likely raise tuition for the 2012-13 and 2013-14 academic years, per President William Powers Jr.'s recommendation.

In December, Powers forwarded to the board the proposal of the Tuition Policy Advisory Committee to raise tuition by 2.6 percent for resident undergraduates and by 3.6 percent for nonresident undergraduates and all graduate students.

Students have heard the threat multiple times: If we don't raise tuition, we may see significant cuts to University services and programs. This is the picture University administrators paint for students when discussing tuition policy.

Students are shut out from budget discussions and tuition policy meetings and, consequently, have a very limited understanding of the budget. As a result, students can engage in only a limited and often unproductive discussion of the large and complex issue.

At TPAC open forums, during which students can voice their opinions on possible tuition increases, many students describe the sacrifices they make to afford tuition. While these arguments are incredibly compelling, they don't really fit in the tuition discussion as it has been framed. Without increasing tuition, the framework demands that the University has to cut important programs, thus reducing the quality of education UT offers, and if UT's quality decreases, both prospective and current students may turn elsewhere.

Reinforcing this mindset, students' representative body, Student Government, is attempting to allow for more student input with a referendum on two questions: first, whether they support a tuition increase and second, whether they accept cuts to services and programs.

This is unproductive. First, the questions will be incorporated into the student-wide elections, which will be Feb. 29 and March 1. The Board of Regents must set tuition policy by March 15 and has already received a recommendation from Powers. Given this timeline, it is extremely unlikely that the results of this referendum will have any effect on the policy the regents set.

Second, and more importantly, the two questions perpetuate the partial perception of the larger financial problem as it has been conveyed to students. The two questions present the University's budget shortfall as something that can be solved by either increasing tuition or by reducing funding for critical programs.

With only a limited understanding of the budget, students can rarely contribute meaningfully to the discussion with alternatives to tuition increases or budget cuts. The partial picture that students are allowed to see and the limited perspective it ensures makes student input unproductive. Additionally, by presenting only these tired, dichotomous solutions, those involved in the tuition-setting process exclude every other possibility that might help to fill the budgetary hole that the Legislature left UT with last session.

If students want to be included in the tuition-setting process, they should demand more transparency and information from administrators. Otherwise, their input risks being extraneous at best and counterproductive at worst.



Increasing minority access to study abroad

 **By Melissa Macaya**
Daily Texan Columnist

Rising tuition costs and cuts to financial aid resources are causing even the most adventurous students to think twice before studying abroad. For minority students especially, studying abroad has become a luxury.

While study abroad participation has more than tripled over the past two decades, minority student enrollment continues to be low, according to the 2011 Open Doors report, an annual publication of the Institute of International Education that collects data about study abroad participation rates across the country.

According to the report, the United States sent 270,000 students overseas, but only about 21 percent of them were minority students. Moreover, while study abroad participation increased by 4 percent overall during the 2009-10 school year, minority participation increased by less than 1 percent per group.

UT, which ranked fifth among institutions that sent students abroad, reflects the national trend of minimal minority participation. Of the 2,342 students who went abroad in 2009, Hispanic students comprised 14 percent and African-Americans comprised only 3 percent.

The lack of diversity in study abroad programs displays a crack in the system. While universities have made tremendous efforts to diversify their incoming classes, more needs to be done on campus to help give minority students access to study abroad programs.

As a Hispanic student at UT, studying abroad might not have been in the cards for me, statistically speaking, had I not been exposed to the opportunities offered on campus. My freshman year, I was lucky enough to attend a lecture on the importance of studying abroad. I began to research various options and realized that I could study abroad at little or no cost. I have participated in one summer study

abroad program in Spain and two short programs in Cuba and Israel. These international experiences were tremendously valuable to me.

Unfortunately, not all minority students have been so lucky. Experts say a lack of information, motivation and personal finances are currently the main obstacles preventing minority students from studying overseas.

Finances, especially, are a big factor. Tuition and living expenses for a typical study abroad program can range from \$5,000 to \$10,000. According to the UT Study Abroad Office, annual scholarship money awarded to students across the University is more than \$500,000. Many minorities, however, do not get to that stage of the process because they believe studying abroad is out of their reach. In an increasingly global economy, employers want people with a global perspective. Minorities must not miss out.

Websites such as <http://DiversityAbroad.com> provide scholarships and information specifically geared toward minority students. Additionally, the study abroad industry has taken significant steps to foster diversity. IES Abroad, one of the oldest study abroad companies with more than 60 years of experience, created an entire diversity department and hired a full-time diversity coordinator. It is the first international education company to do so.

On campus, the McCombs School of Business Study Abroad Office, which hosts seven faculty-led programs, has created scholarships to increase diversity in their programs. Last week, the UT Study Abroad Office launched the First Abroad scholarship, which provides awards to first-generation college students.

This is a start, but much more needs to be done. Although the opportunities are available, minorities must be exposed to them and the professional value studying abroad has. Classrooms abroad should be just as diverse as classrooms on campus.

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Captain Jose Perez talks on his cell phone in the campus ROTC office Monday morning. A class action lawsuit filed Monday alleges that tens of thousands of soldiers have been overcharged for overseas calls to home.



Ty Hardin
Daily Texan Staff

Soldiers scammed by calling fees

By Samuel Liebl
Daily Texan Staff

Phone scams in foreign airports threaten to take advantage of UT ROTC graduates and other military personnel as they travel between the United States and their theatres of duty.

A class action lawsuit was filed on Monday against two companies that operate pay phones at the German Leipzig-Halle airport, attorney John Mattes said. The lawsuit aims to compensate the thousands of soldiers that were charged calling fees as high as \$615 per minute, Mattes said.

The lawsuit alleges that Centris Information Services, LLC, of Longview, Texas and BBG Communications, Inc., a firm based in San Diego, Calif., profited by taking advantage of members of the armed forces when they called home, Mattes said.

According to court docu-

ments, BBG chose to impose extremely high fees on military personnel who were using one of their few opportunities to contact family and friends back home.

“BBG is making buckets of money and it’s been taken out of the back pockets of soldiers,” Mattes said.

The lawsuit has not deterred BBG from continuing to charge excessive fees, he said.

Associate professor and Army major Jose L. Reyes said soldiers need to be aware of scams targeting them in the U.S. and abroad.

“We try to, whenever time is allotted, explain some things [to soldiers],” Reyes said.

Reyes said ROTC faculty caution students against risky payday loans, predatory lending by local banks and car loans with interest rates as high as 30 percent, all of which sprout up around military communities.

Soldiers know that calling home can be expensive, but they often think that talking with their loved ones is worth

the high cost, Joseph Kopser, lieutenant colonel and military science professor, said.

“Soldiers are just like any other citizen, trying to be smart with their money and avoid scams when they can,” Kopser said.

When traveling home, neither soldiers nor their family members know exactly when or where their unit will arrive, he said. For that reason, members of the armed forces try to take advantage of any opportunities to contact their family while in transit, he said.

Kopser said air transportation for military forces acts more like a bus system than a commercial flight.

“They just keep running the charter flights, it’s basically like waiting for a bus on the corner,” Kopser said. “They obviously try to plan [their schedule] out but when the plan breaks down, you just catch the next group.”

The military tries to keep travel schedules classified in order to protect troops, mak-

ing travel plans even more uncertain, he said. A plane full of American soldiers would be a big target for our enemies.

“The schedule is kept secret for security reasons,” Kops-er said. “We encourage them to not be specific [when communicating with their family] when they’re headed home.”

BBG Communications and Centris Information Services deceptively exploit that uncertainty and the soldiers’ desire to contact family, Mattes said.

Reyes and Kopser said they were not aware of the scam or the lawsuit, but they were confident that the military would protect its members.

“If any phone bank is suspected of being a scam in the U.S. or overseas, the chain of command tries to push that out as soon as possible,” Kopser said.

BBG Communications declined to comment on this story. Centris Information Services has disconnected their phone number and was unavailable for comment.

Online tour gives peek of Belo Center

Sylvia Butanda
Daily Texan Staff

An online tour of the upcoming Belo Center for New Media allows students to virtually explore the facility and preview KUT’s new home.

The tour went online at the beginning of February and unveils the inner-workings of every main room of the center, which is expected to be completed by the summer and will open its doors on Nov. 1, according to the College of Communications’ website.

The Belo Center for New Media will house the five College of Communication departments, student services, organizations and will also be the location of the KUT Public Broadcast Center, Austin’s National Public Radio affiliate.

The Broadcast Center will be housed in an adjacent two-story wing of the Belo Center that will showcase KUT’s studios from the inside out, said KUT spokeswoman Erin Geisler.

The tour displays KUT’s new glass-walled, 72-seat performance studio which will be located at street level, allowing the outside public to watch the 300 annual in-studio performances.

The KUT wing will feature a floor plan that will bring together all employees in one cooperative area, Geisler said.

“KUT is currently scattered throughout three floors of the CMB, so moving to the Belo Center will allow everyone to work

together and collaborate more,” Geisler said

A community engagement room will also be part of the wing that will allow different organizations to hold their meetings, events and workshops there.

“From the university’s perspective, this is providing a gateway to this end of campus,” Geisler said. “From our perspective, KUT is serving the community and the University, so moving into the new building will help us connect more to the community that we serve.”

Michael Wilson, development director for the College of Communication, said the opening of the Belo Center will enable the college to provide departments and programs with the needed space to enhance teaching, learning and social interaction experience across communities.

“Collectively, our new complex will be the type of facility the University of Texas is best known for and will allow us to continue to recruit the best of the best in students and faculty alike,” Wilson said.

KUT’s broadcast center will make the College of Communication area a cornerstone on the western end of campus, Wilson said.

“With the open view of KUT’s studios you can also expect the college to be a beacon for those who appreciate the most trusted source for news, information and the Austin, Texas music experience,” Wilson said.



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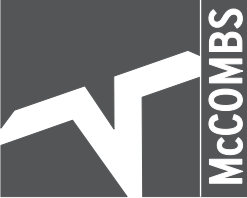
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Speaker focuses on positives of Greek life

By Hannah Jane DeCiutiis
Daily Texan Staff

Negative impacts of Greek life are harsh realities for fraternity and sorority members who must unite to recapture the positive image of true Greek life, said a lecturer from North Carolina Monday.

Michelle Guobadia, director of fraternity and sorority life at the University of North Carolina Charlotte and a prominent speaker for the pan-hellenic community, came to campus to speak with students about Greek life issues and the need for members to promote a more positive experience.

Guobadia is a keynote speaker for the CAMPUSPEAK agency, which provides universities with speakers and workshop leaders nationwide. The event was sponsored by Greek, Leadership and Intercultural Education, and was attended by students from various fraternities and sororities affiliated with the National Pan-Hellenic Council at UT and Huston-Tillotson University. The event was also associated with the Latino Pan-Hellenic Council and Multicultural Greek Council.

Guobadia, who is a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., said her experiences in Greek life were crucial in her decision to speak with students about the important issues that go with being part of the Greek community.

"I had a unique experience in becoming Greek," Guobadia said. "It turned into a lot of changing beliefs and behaviors and there was hazing and other things, and it took me awhile to realize that's not what it's all about. I really had to fall in love with my organization not for what it was, but for what it was

supposed to be."

The presentation invited students to speak about reasons they chose to join a Greek organization, including the ability to serve the community and gain a loyal group of friends. However, Guobadia said hazing, alcohol abuse and sexual assault are major problems in the Greek community, which send an inappropriate image of what fraternities and sororities are meant to be.

Journalism senior and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. member Ahsika Sanders, a former Daily Texan reporter, said Guobadia's presentation was enlightening because it was from the point of view of someone inside the Greek system.

"The fact that [Guobadia] is Greek and able to step outside and make these kind of judgments is eye-opening," Sanders said. "It offers a much better perspective than someone who's on the outside looking in."

Political communication and ethnic studies senior Lebon James III, president of the UT National Pan-Hellenic Council, said Guobadia sent a positive message about the way the Greek system should be working together as a whole.

"[The presentation] was amazing," James said. "It was a great way to learn about the opportunities we have to improve ourselves. We get better by reaching out and educating about our Greek life."

Guobadia said she worries about Greek standards for future generations and believes that change is necessary soon.

"If we don't make positive changes soon, the organizations that fraternities and sororities are supposed to be won't exist in twenty or so years," Guobadia said.

Students fight cancer without Komen

By Sarah White
Daily Texan Staff

UT students and Austin residents who no longer want to support the Susan G. Komen Foundation can redirect their support to several local organizations after Komen made the decision to refund Planned Parenthood.

Sarah Wheat, co-CEO of Austin's Planned Parenthood, said representatives of the Susan G. Komen Foundation originally chose to stop funding Planned Parenthood in early January because the health care organization is under a federal investigation led by congressman Cliff Stearns, chair of the U.S. House investigative committee. Representatives of the foundation announced that it would no longer fund organizations under state, local or federal investigations.

"Planned Parenthood in Austin has worked with the Komen Foundation for six years and we were notified of their decision [to revoke funding] this past month," Wheat said.

She said the media began to report the decision on Jan. 30 after numerous abortion rights groups spoke out against the new Komen Foundation policy. By Feb. 3, representatives of the foundation chose to reinstate funding for Planned Parenthood.

Nancy Brinker, founder and CEO of the Komen Foundation, said in a press conference on Thursday that donations rose 100 percent since representatives announced that the Komen Foundation would no longer fund Planned Parenthood.

Matthew Fredrickson, engineering senior and president of UT Colleges Against Cancer and cancer survivor, said he supports the Texas 4000, which is put on by and contributes to Livestrong and



Danielle Villasana | Daily Texan Staff

Supporters cheer on participants of the Race for a Cure run put on by the Susan G. Komen foundation, in 2010. Recent controversy regarding the foundation's funding for Planned Parenthood has pushed some Austinites to look for alternative organizations to support.

can be a substitute organization for Austin residents who no longer wish to endorse the Komen Foundation.

Fredrickson, a cancer survivor, also said he is chairing the UT Relay for Life that will take place on April 21.

"We are expecting to have at least 600 people attend, and our goal is to raise \$50,000," Fredrickson said. "Relay for Life funds go to the American Cancer Society which funds general cancer causes like research, education, advocacy and services."

Jocelyn Matyas, economics junior and vice-president of UT Colleges Against Cancer, said Relay for Life is put on by Colleges Against Cancer, a nationwide university movement and a partner with the American Cancer Society.

"[In the Relay for Life] students organize teams which walk for twelve consecutive hours around a track," Matyas

said. "The relay takes place from sunset to sunrise and each team always has a representative walking on the track."

Matyas said participants hold ceremonies throughout the night to remember cancer victims and honor survivors.

"It's a really moving experience, in which you remember the survivors and victims of cancer," Matyas said. "We want to become something that is university-wide."

She also said current members of Colleges Against Cancer are interested in becoming more involved in cancer awareness organizations across Austin.

"We are looking to expand and integrate ourselves into more organizations and services that are involved in the fight against cancer," Matyas said.

She said students who are interested in advocating awareness for breast cancer specif-

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—Matthew Fredrickson, president of UT Colleges Against Cancer

ically should consider purchasing pink t-shirts through ColorCancer. Each shirt color corresponds to a different type of cancer, and students can form teams or buy the shirts individually in order to support the fight against cancer, said Matyas.



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Brown's game-winner lifts Horns over Aggies

By Sameer Bhuchar
Daily Texan Staff

COLLEGE STATION — When what you are doing isn't working, it's time to try something new, and the Longhorns learned that Monday night. "It's a play we have never run before," Texas head coach Rick Barnes said of the last play that was drawn up to give J'Covan Brown the easy layup. With a one-point lead and a minute to play, the Aggies had their chance to stick it to the Longhorns once and for all, to get big brother off their backs and to avenge, even if to a lesser degree, the loss the Aggies (12-11, 3-8) suffered on the gridiron in November. But J'Covan Brown's 20 points, including a go-ahead layup with 54 seconds remaining, pushed Texas (15-9, 5-6) to a 70-68 victory in front of an Aggie crowd that may never see the Longhorns again. It was only Texas' second road win of the season.

"Coach [Barnes] called a good play," Brown said who also added seven assists. "I got a screen from Julien [Lewis] and the big pinned down and closed the gates."

Brown was as stunning as he was predictable. His 20 points were on par with his season average, but they came on 6-for-9 shooting from the field, including 4-for-4 from beyond the arc. Every three-pointer he shot came by staring down his opponents and then raising up for a contested jumper. But Brown wasn't the only contributor. The Longhorns were able to spread the wealth as Sheldon McClellan and Alexis Wangmene scored in double figures. Jonathan Holmes provided a late-game spark by adding nine points of his own.

Texas played perhaps its best game and head coach Barnes was finally pleased with the signs of maturity and team-first mentality his squad exhibited.

"It was a hard-fought game," Barnes said. "In our body language, there wasn't any doubt. Confidence-wise, I thought we carried ourselves."

Texas and Texas A&M fought toe-to-toe the entire game. As one team went on a run, the other would stop the bleeding and claw ahead, before being dragged back into the dogfight. Midway through the first half, the Longhorns went on a 13-2 run to push their lead 24-15. The Aggies countered with a run of their own a few minutes later, scoring seven unanswered points in the waning moments of the first half. Texas A&M led 34-33 at halftime.

Texas took back the lead early in the second half, jumping out to a 55-48 lead before the Aggies reversed the momentum on an emphatic dunk by Ray Turner. The Aggies slowly fought back to finally take a one-point lead in the last minute. But Brown's layup and Texas' defense, highlighted by a Myck Kabongo steal, sealed the deal. Kabongo also added six points, five assists, and six rebounds.

"I thought Myck was terrific tonight," Barnes said. "In some ways, he maybe played as well as he's played all year."

Texas' defense allowed the Aggies to shoot 50 percent from the field, but they put up 12 fewer shots than the Longhorns because Texas was able to rebound well, particularly on the of-

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Elisabeth Dillon | Daily Texan Staff

J'Covan Brown puts up a shot over a Texas A&M defender Monday night during Texas' 70-68 victory at Reed Arena Monday night. The junior guard scored 14 of his 20 points in the second half, including the game-winning layup in the final minute.

Texas picks up rare road win in College Station

By Austin Layman
Daily Texan Staff

COLLEGE STATION — The Longhorns picked the right time to win their first road game in over two months.

Texas won the last scheduled game against rival Texas A&M, 70-68, at one of the Big 12's loudest venues, Reed Arena, on Monday night. The Longhorns hadn't won a game away from Austin since beating UCLA, 69-59, in California on Dec. 3. It was the Longhorns' best conference win and their second victory in a row.

"It brings us together more because we haven't won a road game since UCLA," said freshman guard Sheldon McClellan. "It feels good to get a road game."

UT also ended a seven-game losing streak in games decided by six points or less. The Longhorns had a string of heartbreaking losses in the final seconds to Missouri, Kansas, Kansas State and Baylor over the last three weeks, but they reversed their fortunes against the Aggies.

J'Covan Brown delivered timely baskets down the stretch for the Longhorns and made a game-winning layup with 53 seconds to



Freshman point guard Myck Kabongo drives to the basket against Texas A&M Monday. Kabongo's steal with 25 seconds left clinched the Longhorns' win over the Aggies.

Elisabeth Dillon
Daily Texan Staff

play that made it 68-67.

The Longhorns were in a similar situation in the final minutes against Mizzou last Monday. UT failed to get a stop against the Tigers and lost. But this time, freshman point guard Myck Kabongo stole an errant pass and found Brown down the court.

"It was a big play for everybody," Brown said. "We knew they were going to run an isolation play. We did a great job with help from defense. Myck came up with a big steal. That's what you have to do to close out

big games."

Brown was immediately fouled and made two free throws with 17 seconds left to seal the win. The junior carried the Longhorns offensively in the second half, but it was Kabongo who came up with the play of the game. The freshman finished with six points, five assists, six rebounds and two steals.

Texas improved to 5-6 in the Big 12 and is slowly crawling out of the conference's cellar. McClellan scored 15 points in his second straight start. Jonathan Hol-

mes provided nine second-half points and Jaylen Bond grabbed eight rebounds. With the Longhorns' freshmen playing better of late, things are looking better for UT.

"It feels great to get out of that slump," Brown said. "These young guys want to win and get to the tournament and make a name for themselves."

Three weeks ago, the Longhorns wouldn't have been able to

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QUOTES TO NOTE

"I've got a lot of respect for what A&M has done with their basketball program. When I first got here 14 years ago they didn't care. There was no atmosphere, there was nothing going on in the building. They've had really good coaches here and worked hard to get it where it is. I wish them well."

"We might end up playing them in the Big 12 tournament. But non-league wise, we won't play."

—Rick Barnes

"It's a very difficult loss. I feel bad for our fans, alumni, students and players"

—Texas A&M head coach Billy Kennedy

"I've been watching Texas and Texas A&M for a long time. It felt great to get the last victory for Texas"

—Texas freshman guard Sheldon McClellan

"We wanted to win not just for us but for the whole university. Former players, students, graduates. It was a

big game not just for the basketball program but for the whole schools."

—Texas A&M senior guard Elston Turner

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FOOTBALL

Recently arrested Howell latest to transfer



By Lauren Giudice
Daily Texan Columnist

Although the Longhorns have been celebrating signing one of the best recruiting classes in the country, the team will be losing defensive tackle Calvin Howell. Howell made the decision to transfer and has not named where he will be going. Since the beginning of the season, transferring seems to be pretty common for Texas football players.

Head coach Mack Brown said "personal reasons" were the

cause of Howell's decision to leave Austin. But, it seems very coincidental that he was arrested on Jan. 29 in San Marcos on charges of marijuana possession. Howell was charged with a Class B misdemeanor. According to a San Marcos Police Department blotter, he was arrested for possession of less than 20 oz. of marijuana at 4:44 a.m.

Defensive tackle is not an area where the Longhorns are lacking depth. Junior college transfer Brandon Moore, who recently signed with the Longhorns, will definitely be important for the team as they try to re-

place Howell. In addition, five-star recruit Malcom Brown will be playing in the fall. Defensive tackle Kheeston Randall will be graduating, leaving the Longhorns with a lot of different personnel on their defensive front. But, the defense will remain solid with a lot of backup options, even without Howell. Texas had the best defense in the Big 12 last year, and losing Howell will not change that.

But, what happens if this transferring trend continues? Quarterbacks Garrett

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Sophomore defensive tackle Calvin Howell talks to a pair of teammates during Texas' 21-10 win over Cal in the Bridgepoint Education Holiday Bowl last December. Howell was arrested for marijuana possession Jan. 29 and decided to transfer last week.

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

NFL, NBC apologize for gesture during Super Bowl halftime show

INDIANAPOLIS - The NFL and a NBC are apologizing for another Super Bowl halftime show. There was no wardrobe malfunction, nothing like that glimpse of Janet Jackson's nipple eight years ago that caused an uproar and a government scrutiny. Instead, it was an extended middle finger from British singer M.I.A. during Sunday night's performance of Madonna's new single, "Give Me All Your Luvin'."

— The Associated Press

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Check out which former Longhorns are starring in NBA

BASKETBALL

Durant, Aldridge leading squads to title contention

By Antonio Morales
Daily Texan Staff

One-third of the way into the lockout-shortened NBA season, a couple of former Longhorns within the league continue to headline for their contending team while others show enduring signs of promising NBA careers.

Kevin Durant

An established scorer and 2007 college basketball player of the year, Kevin Durant has earned recognition as an early season MVP candidate. His 26.8 points per game are third-highest in the league and are a big reason why the Oklahoma City Thunder have an NBA-best record of 18-5 this early in the season.

Durant and the up-and-coming Thunder are poised to make another legitimate run at the title in what seems to be a wide-open Western Conference race. Their championship hopes ended last season at the hands of the eventual NBA Champions, the Dallas Mavericks.

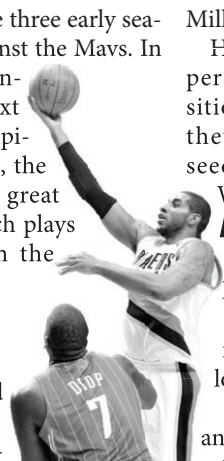
“Durantula,” as many call him, made an early-season statement against the defending champions after beating Dallas with a buzzer-beating three-pointer and win-

ning two out of the three early season matchups against the Mavs. In order for the Thunder to take the next step in their championship aspirations, the former Longhorn great must execute clutch plays of this sort when the playoffs arrive.

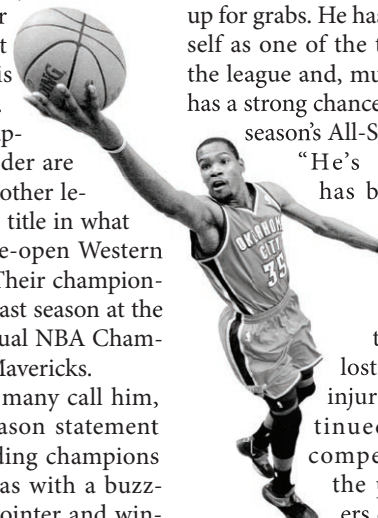
LaMarcus Aldridge

Aldridge and the tough-minded Portland Trail Blazers look to make a deep playoff run in a Western Conference that’s up for grabs. He has solidified himself as one of the top forwards in the league and, much like Durant, has a strong chance of being in this season’s All-Star Game.

“He’s matured, he has been consistent over the last three years. He’s shown growth. Even though we’ve lost a lot of guys to injury, we have continued to win and compete and get to the playoffs,” Blazers coach Nate Mc-



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Millan said of Aldridge.

His career high of 23.1 points per game have the Blazers positioned to make a title run as they currently hold the sixth seed in the highly-competitive Western Conference.

Avery Bradley

After a rookie season with limited opportunities to make an impact for the Boston Celtics, Bradley’s NBA future was looking bleak.

This season, Boston’s aging and banged-up roster has opened the door for the former Longhorn guard to display his talents. He’s averaging 18 minutes and four points per game for the undermanned Celtics.

His offensive numbers aren’t exactly eye-opening, but his biggest contribution has been on the defensive side of the court. His breakout performance came in a historic 87-56 Celtics win over the Magic in January.

“His defense set the whole tone for the entire thing. He took us out; we had a hard time getting the ball down and getting into offense,” Magic head coach Stan Van Gundy said of Bradley.

With the Celtics expected to rebuild and rely on young talent after this season, Bradley’s impressive

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weather a late Aggies rally. They didn’t do it against K-State, KU, Baylor or Mizzou. But Texas has grown as a team in recent weeks and it showed on Monday.

“We were just staying together as a team,” McClellan said. “Earlier in the year we were starting to do things on our own. Now, we’re just focused in. We listen to our coaches more.”

Ultimately, though, the game came down to defense,

and the Longhorns finally got the stops they needed to win a close game.

“We’ve had situations where we had a lead and couldn’t get a stop,” Barnes said. “Tonight we got a lead, went down on the other end and got a stop. That was the difference for us in the end.”

The Longhorns will need to win another close game like this — and maybe one on the road — at some point this season if they want to earn an invitation to the NCAA Tournament for the 14th straight year. But they finally showed it can be done.

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fensive glass. Of their 27 rebounds, nine of them came on the Longhorns’ own side of the floor, creating opportunities for easy putbacks.

For the Aggies, there just wasn’t enough firepower. They were playing without forward Khris Middleton, who averages 12.4 points per game and guard Dash Harris, who averages a team-high 4.4 assists per game.

“They’re two big keys to our team. Dash and me and Khris have given blood sweat and tears to the team,” Aggie forward David Loubeau said. “But we have to be patient and wait for them to get back.”

Loubeau and Elston Turner, who took over at point guard with Harris gone, led the Aggies with 14 and 20 points respectively.

The Longhorns have now won two in a row while the Aggies have dropped three straight. With both these teams fighting for their NCAA tournament lives, neither team can afford to dwell on this game. But after 222 meetings, the sting from this loss is fresh.

“Yeah, we wanted to win not just for us but for the whole university,” Turner said. “It was a big game, not just for the basketball programs, but the whole school.”

McClellan, on the other hand, is just happy to pull out another one no matter who it comes against.

“Now we just have to get back in the gym and keep it up,” he said.

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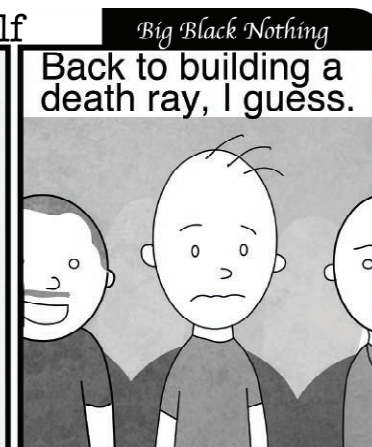
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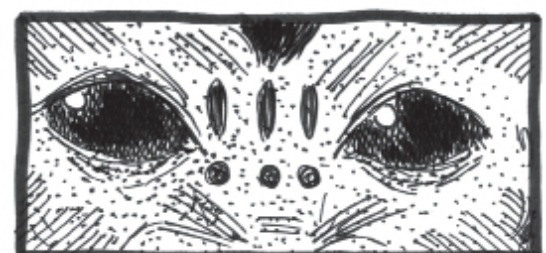
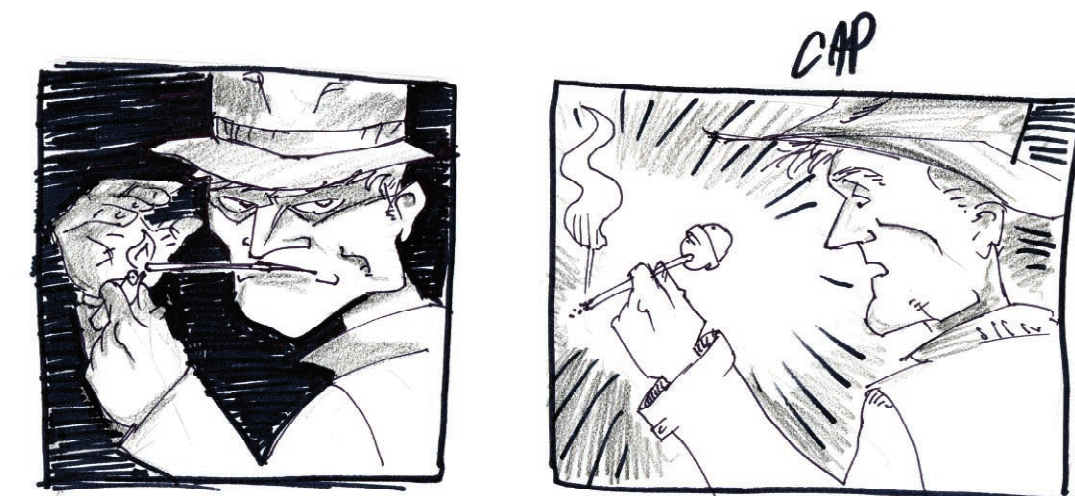
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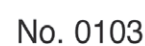
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Gilbert and Connor Wood, running back Traylon Shead and line-backer Tariq Allen are all leaving Texas behind. Sophomore wide receiver Darius White left the Longhorns after having just six catches and one touchdown during his two seasons in burnt orange. White had very high expectations when he signed with the Longhorns. Wide receivers Greg Timmons and Chris Jones also made the decision to leave Texas.

But, Howell was different from most of these transfers. He was on the field. A lot. He started seven games in 2011 and played in all thirteen games. He finished the season with 16 tackles, one sack and one tackle for loss. He was a four-star member of Texas' 2009 recruiting class and the No. 7 player at his position in the country.

Although the cause of Howell's departure from Texas is unclear and is potentially caused by his arrest, his leaving raises concerns about transferring from Texas and out of the football program. Although the Longhorns signed 28 athletes in the class of 2012, there is still the question of how many will actually stay.

Transferring is normal for college athletes, especially with a program that is rebuilding. But it seems that there is a trend with big names leaving Texas behind for other schools. Garrett Gilbert left for SMU. Connor Wood went to Colorado. Traylon Shead went to Navarro Junior College. Although the loss of Howell will not be devastating to the Longhorns' thriving defense, athletes transferring is becoming too common for the Longhorns.

Spurs use fourth-quarter run to get past Grizzlies

Tony Parker appreciates San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich's conservation plan.

During this condensed NBA season, Parker said Popovich is rarely allowing anyone to play more than 40 minutes, a strategy that contributed to the Spurs' 89-84 victory Monday night over the Memphis Grizzlies.

Parker, playing 36 minutes, scored 21 points, and Tim Duncan added 19 points and a season-high 17 rebounds in 32 minutes.

"I think Pop tries to keep us fresh," Parker said. "It's rare that me, or anyone, plays 40 minutes. Over the course of the season, if you have to play 38 or 40 minutes a game, it's tough. It takes its toll."

Memphis, minus Zach Randolph indefinitely and Tony Allen the past two games, was forced to use starters Rudy Gay, Marc Gasol and Mike Conley for 40-plus minutes. Gasol had 22 points to lead the Grizzlies, while Conley scored 19 and Gay 18.

Gay said the Grizzlies, who lost their third straight, expended their energy fighting back from a 14-point first-half deficit to take a six-point lead entering the final quarter.

"It was tough," Gay said. "A couple of guys were fatigued from playing a lot of heavy minutes. It was one of those games that slipped away from us."

The Grizzlies were outscored 22-11 in the fourth quarter. The 11 points represented a season low for a single quarter.

"We made some shots and got some stops [to rally]," Memphis coach Lionel Hollins said. "Then in the fourth quarter, we couldn't make a shot anymore."

Memphis didn't have an answer for Duncan in the second half. He scored 13 of his points after the half as the Spurs opened a nine-game road trip



Tiago Splitter dives for a loose ball against Memphis Monday night. Splitter scored 14 points on 6-of-7 shooting in the Spurs' 89-84 victory.

with a win, their fifth straight. The Grizzlies led 73-67 entering the final period, but missed their first nine shots to allow the Spurs to recover and take an 87-81 lead with 1:18 to go.

Duncan also had two key blocks in the closing minute as the Spurs clung to an 87-84 lead. He first blocked Gay's layup attempt with 32 seconds left and followed with a block

of Gasol's close-range attempt 10 seconds later.

"He is somebody who is pretty special," Popovich said. "The blocks were pretty good down the stretch. Those kinds of things are what he does."

Parker said Duncan has been playing at a high level recently. It was Duncan's second straight double-double. He had 13 points and 15 rebounds Saturday in a win over Oklahoma City.

"He's feeling good," Parker said. "His knee is doing well. Hopefully, he can stay like that. That's a great game from Timmy — 19 [points] and 17 [rebounds]."

The Grizzlies trailed by 13 at 61-48 early in the third quarter, but rallied behind a 25-6 run to end the period. Memphis took its first lead of the second half, at 66-63, on O.J. Mayo's

3-pointer with 2:11 to go in the third quarter.

Hitting five of seven 3-pointers in the first half, San Antonio led by as many as 14 late in the second quarter. Matt Bonner and Gary Neal connected on two 3-pointers apiece and Kawhi Leonard had the other.

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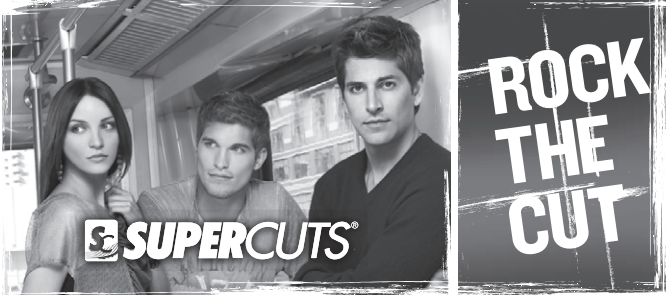


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Philadelphia rock band Dr. Dog returns with their seventh studio album, *Be The Void*, a raucous album with a gleeful, energetic sound. Dr.Dog's album is available today.

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Dr. Dog releases ‘Be the Void,’ rough album that lacks subtlety

By Clayton Wickham
Daily Texan Staff

Dr. Dog’s new album is rough, boisterous and built for performance. In *Be The Void*, the contained, artificial fun of albums like Shame Shame and Fate is lost in an energetic ruckus that emulates the Dr. Dog live experience. Barroom shouts and low-fi drums underlie jangly, electric riffs and playful nonsense lyrics. Even the existential questioning in “That Old Black Hole” and the wail of slide guitar in “Lonesome” sound reckless, almost gleeful.

After ten years and six studio albums, the band decided to simplify their recording method for this record in search of a more raw and unpolished sound. Band leaders Scott McMicken and Toby Leaman set studio rules and restrictions on recording time to stimulate creativity and keep the band honest to their vision for a novel and uninhibited record.

At first, you’d think they were destined for success. It takes just seconds to find the living pulse of the first track, “Lonesome,” with its rowdy stomps, slide guitar and wailing chorus: “What does it take to be lonesome? Nothing at all.” And the group doesn’t skip a beat into their catchy single, “That Old Black Hole,”

with its joyous, synth-backed refrain. Next, they pick up the pace with the infectious pop-rock of “These Days.” This song is classic Dr. Dog — nothing new, but great all the same.

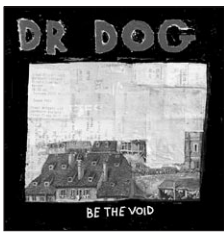
Despite its energy and good intentions, however, the album slips into mediocrity with the painfully dull fifth track, “Get Away,” and never completely recovers. The slow song, with its bongos, has a jarringly generic world music-like chorus and falls miles short of previous Dr. Dog rock ballads like “Someday” and “Hang On.” Things recover a bit with the organ-lead “Will you do the Trick” and “Big Girl,” a pop-punk tune — something new. But the second half of this album is marred by merely okay tracks and a particular dud in “Warrior Man,” which sounds like standard 70’s heavy metal.

Fans may appreciate Dr. Dog’s return to a rougher sound after the more polished Shame Shame, but *Be The Void* is uneven and, in many ways, less interesting than that record. The enthusiasm and raw energy that bursts forth from tracks like “These Days,” and “Lonesome,” are the saving grace for *Be The Void*.

“Everybody was kind of excited about the fact that it was like the old days,” bassist Toby Leaman told the North County Times in San Diego, Calif. “You come in and feel really good about the material and really good about where you are as a band, and you just bang it out.”

Be The Void is invigorating, reckless fun, but it lacks some of the subtlety of past albums. Maybe Dr. Dog “banged it out” a little too quickly on this one.

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No band truly embodies the sex, drugs and rock ‘n’ roll mentality quite like Van Halen. The gods of rock, who first made their performance debut in 1974 on Hollywood’s infamous Sunset Strip, have become known for two things: creating hard rock anthems and maintaining a mystique around their rockstar lifestyle. Unfortunately, internal conflict among band members, drug abuse and other issues resulted in frontman David Lee Roth’s departure in 1985, leaving the future of the band in question.

Now, 40 years after the group formed in 1972, with three vocalists and two bassists having come and gone, hard rock’s notorious bad boys are back with *A Different Kind of Truth*, the group’s first album in 14 years. Although the lineup features one small change (fellow Van Halen brother Wolfgang has filled the large shoes of past bassists Mark Stone and Michael Anthony), Van Halen is better than ever. The group made headlines back in January and, most recently, this month for their two comeback shows, with fans relieved that the band has retained the bravado and vigor that helped catapult them to success.

Opener “Tattoo” struts confidently over arena-ready guitars, bass and

drums. “Swap meet Sally/Tramp stamp Kat,” croons Roth, the iconic heartbreaker humorously reminiscing on past promiscuous encounters. Wolfgang silences skeptics at the very beginning; his bass is punchy and declarative, serving as the backbone to older brother Eddie’s virtuoso guitar technique.

“China Town” is this generation’s “Panama.” Eddie and Wolfgang provide a thrilling introduction by playing off of one another, before Alex’s powerful double bass drum comes knocking everything down. The synchronized hits between the brothers are flawless, the momentum growing with intensity as Roth proudly sings, “Welcome to China Town.” Similar to “Panama,” “China Town” is a freight train running on pure, untended adrenaline: it chugs on menacingly, its rapid-fire tempo the perfect accompaniment to a night of fist-

pumping and head-banging.

This is what’s great about *A Different Kind of Truth*: it is constantly heavy, but not to the point of redundancy. The album maintains a fierce and aggressive attitude that is refreshing but, most importantly, nostalgic. Van Halen gives listeners what they want: Eddie’s unparalleled guitar technique, Alex’s dynamic drums, Wolfgang’s pulsating bass and Roth’s charismatic persona. The group doesn’t try to emulate their contemporaries or experiment with new sounds; they rely solely on what made them successful in the first place.

A Different Kind of Truth serves as a nice walk down memory lane, while taking time to introduce itself to new ears. Old-school fans will enjoy the nostalgic atmosphere that surrounds the album, while new fans will come to understand why the group is regarded as one of rock’s best bands.

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and respect for one another. They both feed off of each other: if one is silent and reserved, the other follows behind, ascending and descending with intensity simultaneously.

Before Gardens After Gardens finds success in its simplified approach. The album retains a Miles Davis, “less is more” mentality, allowing songs

and the ideas that accompany them to flourish and breathe. The guest features on the album add to its mystique, from The Mars Volta’s Cedric Bixler-Zavala and Deantoni Parks to Beastie Boys collaborator Money Mark Ramos-Nishita. Each contributor’s part serves as a small piece to Big Sir’s enthralling puzzle.

Although the album is often dark and somber, there are undertones of celebration underneath it all. As Papineau states on the band’s website, *Before Gardens After Gardens* is an album of “dance and celebration in death’s insistent embrace,” serving as a testament to the unknown, and an optimistic acceptance of it.



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Men and Women 18 to 65	Up to \$1800	Healthy and Non-Smoking BMI between 18 and 33	Fri. 24 Feb. through Mon. 27 Feb. Fri. 2 Mar. through Mon. 5 Mar. Outpatient Visit: 8 Mar.



Texas artist releases personal album



Bruno Morlan | Daily Texan Staff

Singer-songwriter Ben Kweller's newest album, *Go Fly A Kite*, emanates a homegrown southern feel with a number of catchy, personal tunes. Kweller, a native Texan, split from his record company ATO to release 'Kite' on his own label, The Noise Company.

By Audrey White
Daily Texan Staff

Ben Kweller answered the phone when I called his record label, The Noise Company, to request an advance copy of his new album, *Go Fly A Kite*. Kweller said hello and directed me to someone who could send it my way.

It was the perfect introduction to my experience with an album that is personal, sincere and easy to listen to. The musicianship shows off a southern rock influence reminiscent of The Allman Brothers and Big Star. The lyrics let us into Kweller's heart when he sings about friendship, loss, anger and hope.

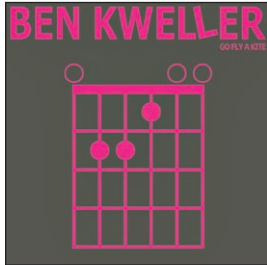
The Greenville, Texas native broke ties with former record label ATO last year and produced *Go Fly A Kite*, released

today, through his own label, The Noise Company. That may be the source of the homegrown feel of the songs — and the reason it came out almost a year later than originally planned. The album starts with "Mean to Me," a punchy rock tune that begs to be turned up loud, while "Free" is a foot-tapper of a track with heavy bass. Kweller uses piano perfectly on "Rainbow," a song about trying to come out on the other side of hard times.

In the ten years since his first solo studio album, *Sha Sha*, Kweller has changed and grown, both musically and personally. He married Liz (of the song "Lizzie") and they live in Austin with their two sons. He's put out two pop rock albums, one that I'm tempted to call lo-fi, and a delightful country record, 2009's *Changing Horses*.

But no matter the style he chooses, his good-natured Texas honesty and kindness show through. In *Kite*'s closer, "You Can Count On Me," he sings, "It's a sad day, 'cause all my old friends have changed. I just want you to know that I'm still the same." And after 10 years of great songs, I can't help but believe him.

CD REVIEW



Go Fly a Kite

Ben Kweller

Genre: Rock
For those who like: The Old 97's, Big Star
Website: BenKweller.com

MULTIMEDIA: Modern Architecture

Twenty people, entering. Forty shoes, taken off. One threshold, welcoming. An all too common set of figures that could be observed around Austin this past weekend as the Modern Architecture Tour took place in various local properties. Architecture aficionados crowded the functional homes to observe the often clean and smart designs as questions of "Why didn't I think of that?," or "Why haven't I done that with my house?" filled the air. Many, however, left with an air of reassurance, knowing full well that even their own, simple homes could be transformed. — Jorge Corona and Lawrence Peart | Daily Texan Staff

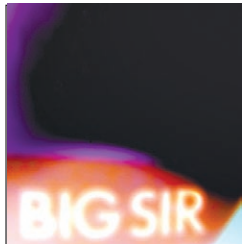
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Big Sir remains consistent with experimental sound

CD REVIEW



Before Gardens After Gardens

Big Sir

Genre: Electronica, experimental
For those who like: Portishead, Bjork
Website: bigsir.net

By Elijah Watson
Daily Texan Staff

The longtime collaboration between The Mars Volta's Juan Alderete and singer-songwriter Lisa Papineau (well known for contributing vocals to M83), Big Sir's minimal setup harbors a complex atmosphere that is eerie, yet absolutely intriguing. The duo retains that quality in their latest release *Before Gardens After Gardens*, the group's third studio album.

Album opener "Regions" begins with Alderete's distinguishable bass playing, as Papineau quietly coos overhead. The orchestral sounds that accompany Alderete and Papineau only add to the song's haunting demeanor, segueing into the more upbeat "Ready On the Line."

"Get so high," sings Papineau

over hip-hop whistles and bells in "Ready On the Line," the song's melody so memorable and infectious that you can't help but hum it. The shrill scream that comes from Papineau towards the end of the song is brilliant and emphatic, as if the vocalist has overcome some unspoken challenge that calls for celebration.

"Old Blood" starts off with a buzzing, menacing guitar that battles against Alderete's distorted fuzz-bass, with Papineau caught in between. "One, two, three, four, five," says Papineau monotonously, the countdown unleashing a barrage of Bjork-like eeriness and forceful drums. Both songs showcase Papineau and Alderete's admiration

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Photo courtesy of Marianne Williams

Big Sir, a collaboration of The Mars Volta's Juan Alderete and vocalist Lisa Papineau, returns with *Before Gardens After Gardens*, their third full-length album.

Retail, designer combines high class look with low price

By Anjali Mehta
Daily Texan Staff

While football fans wore jerseys emblazoned with their team's logo on Super Bowl Sunday, fashion fiends around the nation slipped into comfortable shoes and an outfit that would be easy to quickly peel on and off in the fitting rooms for the launch of designer Jason Wu's line for Target.

Inspired by French films and an "American girl in Paris," Wu created a 53-piece line including A-line dresses, structured handbags and a soon-to-be iconic black cat T-shirt. Although prices from Wu's main line can easily reach thousands of dollars in high-end department stores like Neiman Marcus and Saks Fifth Avenue, prices for his Target line range from \$19.99 to \$59.99. Target manager Kelsey Ubrich said that her store's location at 5300 South MoPac Expressway had a line of 40 to 50 people outside its doors by around 7:30 a.m. on Sunday.

"Overall, we thought it went really well," Ubrich said. "We weren't sure of what the turnout would be because Jason Wu is a little lesser known than Missoni, but we thought it was a safe environment and that our customers seemed happy."

Ubrich alluded to the infamous Missoni for Target launch this past September that not only had shoppers in a manic rush, but also crashed the Target website. Ubrich said that by Sunday afternoon, there was still about a quarter of Wu's merchandise

left in the store. With the nature of expected returns, a store may be sold out now, but could have items in the next weeks.

Though Jason Wu may not be a household name yet, the fashion-hungry crowd has craved Wu's signature whimsically feminine yet crisp, clean styles since he won the Fashion Group International's Rising Star award in 2008. Wu, 29, also gained notoriety when he custom-designed first lady Michelle Obama's inauguration gown. The one-shouldered white gown, in all its gauzy glory with dozens of delicate organza flowers, is now being preserved at the Smithsonian's first ladies' exhibit.

Elizabeth Allensworth, assistant public relations director for UT's University Fashion Group, was excited about the collaboration.

"Jason Wu has an obvious soft, feminine quality with an air of sophistication as well," Allensworth said. "The Jason Wu for Target line has a delightful nod to the '60s." The group's public relations director Tyler Neal said the line incorporated typical American style refined with typical Parisian sophistication.

"Every girl dreams of going to Paris, and Jason Wu is bringing that to life in his new collection," Neal said.

While Target has touted widely popular brand collaborations with Missoni and Zac Posen, many other retailers have undertaken similar lines. Chanel mastermind Karl Lagerfeld designed a line for Macy's this past September, featuring pieces that

ranged from \$50 to \$170.

Lagerfeld also designed a line for retailer H&M in 2004, and the store has since then been pumping out a steady stream of guest-designer collaborations, each one more hyped than the last. Most recently, fashion powerhouse Versace graced H&M racks with studded leather shift dresses and tropical-printed leggings.

Allensworth believes that the designer lines for lower-end retailers become crazes because of the accessibility it provides customers who may not have felt comfortable stepping into a high-end department store.

"High fashion is great, but as a consumer, consistently feeling left out or not good enough can be discouraging," Allensworth said. "It's one of the rare times where you can essentially have it all, the label and the affordable price."

Textiles and apparel design sophomore Natalie Poche agreed.

"It's like a taste of the good life," Poche said. "Also, I love it because it makes me feel as if the designer wants everybody to be able to afford and wear their pieces."

Most retail collaborations cleverly release a lookbook of the line's items prior to its launch. Those images usually become viral on fashion blogs and are published in fashion magazines, creating enough buzz to predict customer turnout before the line even launches. Stores carry a limited supply of the line's items and state that the guest-designed line won't be replenished.



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Beth Zimmerman models an outfit from the Jason Wu Collection for Target projected onto a whiteboard. Wu's collection, priced at less than \$60, sold out only hours after being debuted online.

"The 'crazy' part comes in when people realize how short of an amount of time they have to gather up their favorite pieces before someone else snatches it up," Poche said.

If you couldn't scoop up any of the Jason Wu styles from Target this

past week, rest assured that there are plenty designer collaborations on the way, including Alberta Ferretti for Macy's this April. The Italian fashion house is known for artfully twisted and tucked chiffon gowns. Also, Marni for H&M will be released this

2012 DESIGNER RETAIL LINES

Jason Wu for Target

Sold at Target
Released Sunday, February 5
What to expect: Parisian blouses, flared dresses that cinch at the waist

Miami for H&M

Sold at H&M
Due March 8
What to expect: subtle tribal prints, full, pleated skirts and dresses

Alberta Ferretti for Impulse

Sold at Macy's
Due April 17
What to expect: wispy dresses, quintessential bright spring colors like coral and teal

March, featuring its signature jewel tones and bohemian prints.

Designer-store collaborations have single-handedly transformed stores that most fashion worshippers had previously sworn off into cool-again meccas for discounted designer treasures that are "oh so recession-chic."